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Spratt Says Storm Relief Funds Now Cover Longer Period

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that federal relief funds originally designated for Tropical Storm Frances on September 6 now cover other storms up through October 11.

"I am pleased that federal disaster funds, originally made available only for Tropical Storm Frances, now cover other storms up through October 11. These funds will be a big help to the citizens and communities of our state who suffered damages," said Spratt.

Spratt said assistance to individuals and households is available to citizens in the following counties: Calhoun, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter, Williamsburg, and York.

Individuals in these counties whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance may register for assistance and establish eligibility by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the hearing or speech impaired).

In addition, hazard mitigation assistance to state and local governments is being made available to all counties in South Carolina. Communities can apply for these funds through the state.

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Please Note: A FEMA fact sheet with additional information is attached.